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LONDON FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, MZ, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT COMMENTS ON INTERNAL ACCORD

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1. THE GPRM STATEMENT CONTAINS NO MAJOR SURPRISES. AS ANTICIPATED, THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS THE INTERNAL ACCORD AND REITERATES ITS INTENTION TO CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE. IT ALSO WARNS THAT IF THE ACCORD BENEFITS FROM OUTSIDE COMPLICITY, THE WAR WILL INEVITABLY BE PROLONGED, WITH DANGER OF "INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE CONFLICT."

2. AT SAME TIME, COMMUNIQUE IS MOST POSITIVE PUBLIC STATEMENT TO DATE BY GPRM OF ITS SUPPORT FOR UK/US INITIATIVE. IT CONCLUDES WITH
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HELPFUL OBSERVATION THAT GPRM BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT TALKS BETWEEN UK AND PATRIOTIC FRONT BE CONCLUDED RAPIDLY AND POSITIVELY AS BEST WAY TO END FIGHTING.

3. INTERESTINGLY, WHILE GPRM ATTACKS SMITH REGIME FOR ADOPTING THE USUAL IMPERIALIST AND RASCIST DEVICE OF RESORTING TO "PUPPETS," STATEMENT DOES NOT MENTION MUZOREWA, SITHOLE OR CHIRAU BY NAME. IT

EMBASSY'S OPINION THAT THIS IS NOT COINCIDENTAL, BUT INTENDED TO
KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE TO RETURN TO WORK WITH
FRONT LINE IN SEEKING INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

4. GPRM STATEMENT IS ABOUT AS BALANCED AS WE COULD HOPE FOR
FROM MOZAMBIQUE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, BELIEVE MACHEL INTENDED IT AS
ENCOURAGEMENT FOR US TO PERSIST IN OUR EFFORTS TO FIND AN INTER-
NATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. A PUBLIC STATEMENT OR PRIVATE COM-
MUNICATION FROM UK AND US TO MACHEL THAT WE INTEND DO THIS WOULD
BE WELCOME HERE.
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